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Applicants

Neirynck et al.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO JULY 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Response supplements applicants' November 4, 2002 Response and November 12, 2002 Supplemental Response to the July 3, 2002 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiners Foley and Housel for granting the April 11, 2003 telephonic interview. In light of discussions at the interview, applicants make the following claim amendments.

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¹ A Notice of Appeal was filed January 3, 2003. To keep this application pending, a petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith. With the extension, this Second Supplemental Response is due May 5, 2003 (May 3, 2003 being a Saturday).